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Bay, Hancock marching bands get a helping hand from university students. Page 3

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StennisSphere to reopen next week

StennisSphere, the visitor center at NASA's Stennis Space Center, will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 18, with a new schedule: Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours begin at the Launch Pad next to the Mississippi Welcome Center at Exit 2, Interstate 10 in Hancock County. All visitors age 18 and older must have a valid photo I.D. such as a driver's license or passport.

AstroCamp to launch again

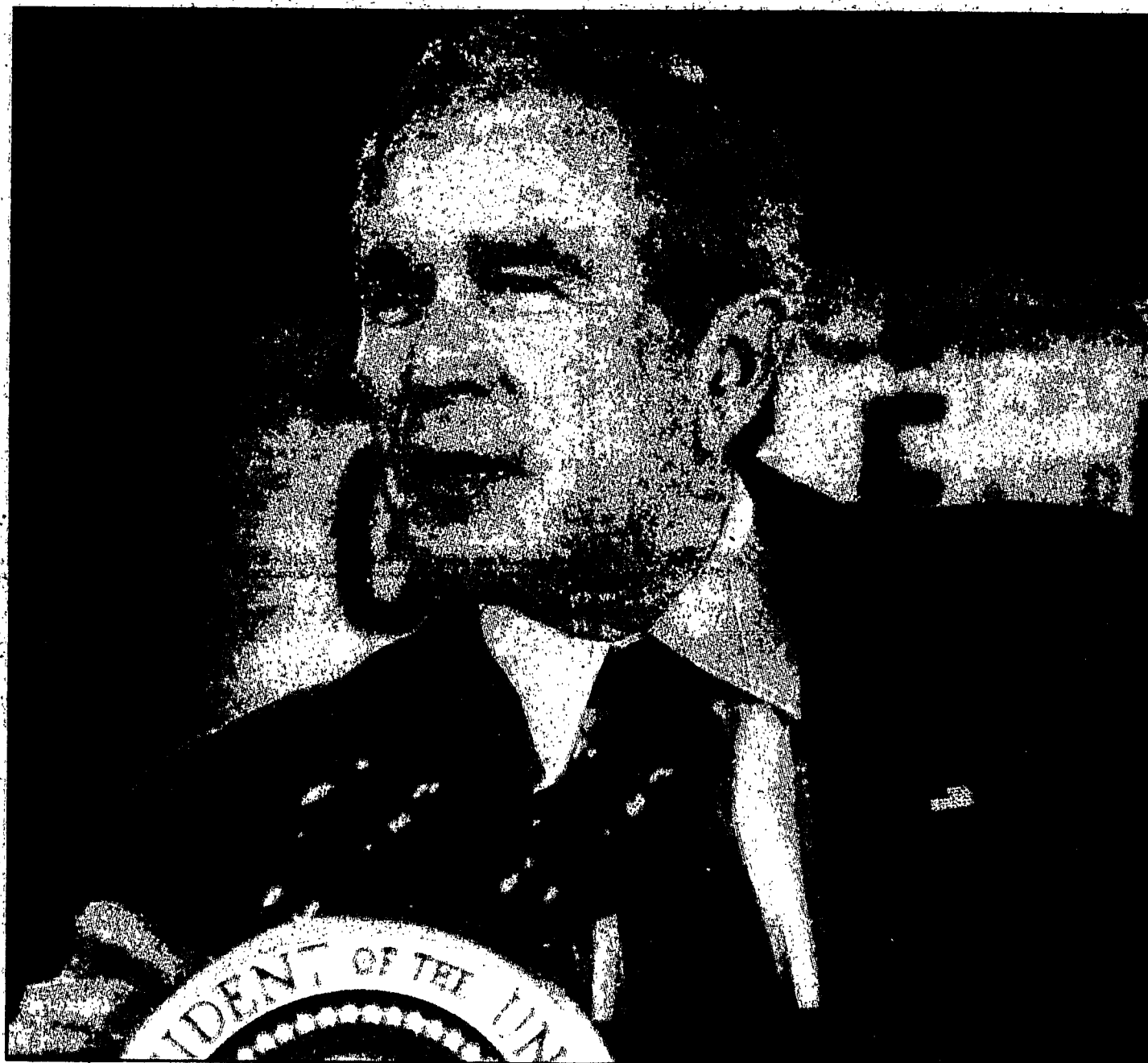
Stennis Space Center's one-day science camp, Astro Camp Saturday, resumes, with a mission scheduled for Feb. 11: "What's in the Night Sky." Camp fee is \$30, which includes supplies and lunch. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged. For more information, call 1-800-237-1821 or 228-688-2370 or go to <http://www1.ssc.nasa.gov/public/visitors/>

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President George W. Bush speaks to a crowded house Thursday at St. Stanislaus College's Blaise Gymnasium in Bay St. Louis.

President 'impressed' by progress, spirit on the Coast

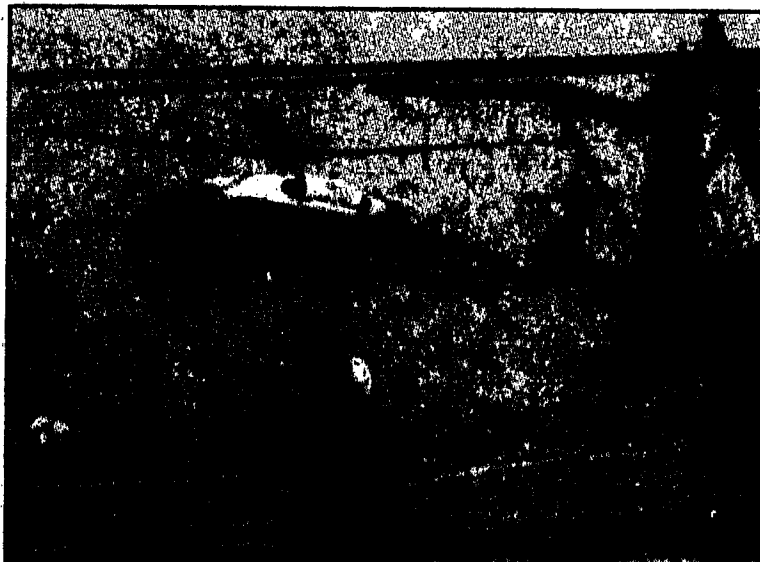
BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

"... A lot of people in this country, many of whom have never been down here, care for you," President George W. Bush assured those gathered at St. Stanislaus College's Blaise Gymnasium Thursday, "they pray for you, and they're pulling for you."

Bush landed at Waveland's Buccaneer State Park on Thursday afternoon in Marine One and met briefly with Waveland city employees and their families before Secret Service agents whisked him down Beach Blvd. past miles of Katrina-devastated homes to St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis.

Although Bush had been to the Coast on two prior occasions just after Hurricane

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Marine One lands with the president at Buccaneer State Park in Waveland.



Bush walks with Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo at Buccaneer State Park just after disembarking from Marine One, which flew in from New Orleans.



Sierra Duhon cradles baby Emma on Thursday at Hancock Medical Center. Emma is the first baby born at HMC since Aug. 29.

'Baby New Year' also first since Katrina hit

HMC making a quick recovery

BY KRISTEN ROBINSON

Emma Jalynn Duhon, the first baby of 2006 - and also the first born in the Hancock Medical Center since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina -

first opened her eyes on Jan. 11. Although Emma was not scheduled to be the first baby of the New Year, her mother

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Baby -- HMC's first

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Sierra Amy Duhon was taken into the delivery room for an emergency Cesarean section due to many factors that caused her to be at high risk.

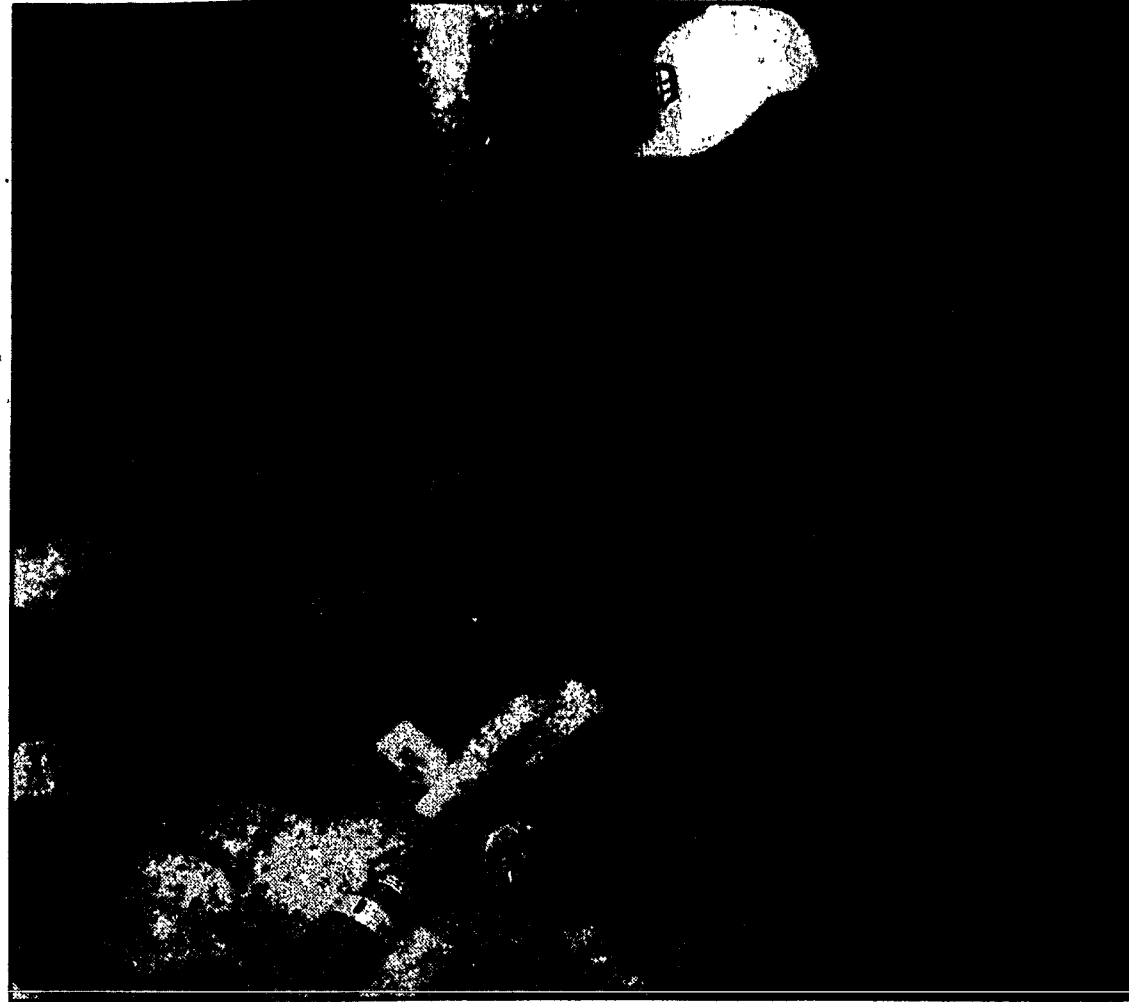
Sierra Duhon and her husband David of Waveland were married on Saturday, August 27, 2005, two days before Katrina hit. However, they did not stay on the Coast for the safety of their baby.

The newlyweds traveled to Georgia where they stayed with Sierra's aunt. At the end of September, Sierra and David decided to come back to Waveland to have their first child. "Waveland is home," Sierra replied when asked why she returned to the devastation.

Sierra, David and Emma returned to David's father's home when they left the hospital on January 13. David's father is the only member of the family on the Coast whose home was not destroyed. Sierra's mother Tammie Lynn Wise is also staying with them due to the loss of her home.

David's mother Mary Jane Gurdoz also attended the birth of Emma. Gurdoz was a resident of Hancock County, but after Katrina she relocated to Washington state. She rode a train all the way down to Mississippi to see her grandchild's birth.

"Emma is my thirteenth grandchild, my



Sierra, David and Emma Duhon.

lucky number 13; I couldn't miss this," Gurdoz said.

This 6-pound, 5-ounce baby girl was also a miracle to many of the employees of Hancock Medical Center as she marked the reopening of the Ob/Gyn Unit. Dr. Noel Duplantier was ecstatic to deliver another baby in Hancock County. Since the storm, Duplantier was stationed at a hospital in Gulfport, but on December 5, 2005, she came back to her office at Hancock Medical Center. Duplantier helped clean and paint the hospital that had been under five feet of water before they

could get the Ob/Gyn Unit reopened on January 11.

Since January 11, three babies have been born in Hancock Medical Center and two more babies are scheduled to be born within the next week. The Duhon's and Dr. Duplantier lost their homes and made it through childbirth in a hospital that was 75 percent destroyed. Nothing is impossible for the future of this family and the Hancock Medical Center. When Sierra and David were asked if they would have children again, they replied jokingly, "Probably, but it will definitely not be dur-

ing hurricane season."

Little Emma was just one of the many miracles that has occurred in Hancock County since Hurricane Katrina, and according to Hancock Medical Hospital, there should be three to five new "miracles" each week.

HMC makes full recovery

BY BRANDON ROSS

Looking out the hospital window on August 29, Judy Bordelon watched her car disappear under water. The parking lot outside Hancock Medical Center quickly filled up with water from Katrina. But that was the least of Judy's concerns.

"I didn't have time to worry. I was all wrapped up in patient care."

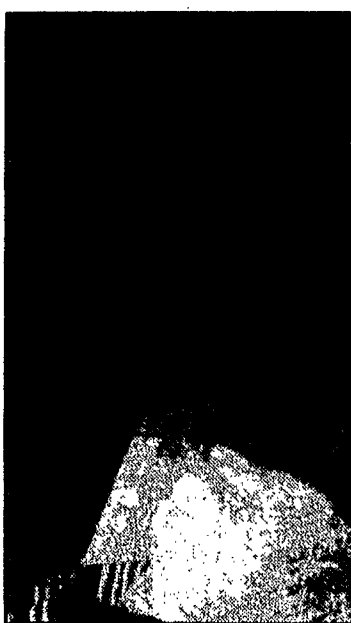
Judy is the OB manager at Hancock Medical Center. She's been there for seven years. Before Katrina struck, every patient in the hospital had been moved to the first floor, fearing wind damage. When water began pouring in, hospital workers scrambled to move the patients back to a higher floor.

"The water came in fast. In 15 or 20 minutes we had 4 feet of water."

The hospital was under lockdown during the storm, meaning the group of people outside asking for medical help and shelter were turned away. With no electricity, no water, and no communication outside the hospital, doctors had to become creative when treating patients. Judy tells the story of one patient who cut an artery. The attending doctor performed surgery using a flashlight to see.

"That's a first for me," remarked Judy.

When the storm passed, 75 percent of Hancock Medical Center was damaged. With no



Judy Bordelon

electricity, all patients had to be airlifted to another hospital. The following Thursday, the hospital was officially closed.

"At that point, we didn't even know if we were going to still have jobs. People were upset. They were scared, depressed, and angry."

Still, Judy and many of her coworkers spent the next 20 days cleaning up the mess left by Katrina. The hospital hired a cleanup crew to help, but much of the work was done by doctors and nurses.

"The nursing staff cleaned and painted... pretty much anything they needed us to do. We saved what we could, and removed the rest."

Judy believes the fast cleanup prevented infection and contamination in the hospital. The emergency room and patient care units were opened on September 20. On Wednesday, the OB unit

was reopened.

In some parts of the hospital, Katrina is still evident. In some rooms sheetrock stops four feet from the floor, exposing the wooden or steel framework underneath. Some ceiling tiles are missing. Judy's OB unit is less than half the size it was before Katrina.

"Overall, about 80% of the hospital has been repaired. Moods have improved, too."

Not to say the process hasn't been tough. The hospital has been through a round of downsizing and layoffs.

"It's taught me humility and patience. When you lose everything you have, you can't help but be humble," Judy said.

But it's also created a sense of community at the hospital. Judy describes everyone pulling together to help each other out.

"We all had an ear for one another. It was tough on everyone. And there's still a lot of work to do."

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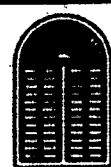
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Bay High School band director Catchie Crider and principal Marca Boyer-Alexander accept a donation of instruments from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and Southern Miss.

Banding together for recovery

BY JERMAINE JACKSON

Bay High School and Hancock High Schools both received instruments for their wind-bands from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign on Thursday.

According to Catchie Crider, the director of bands at Bay High School, the instruments were needed at her high school.

"Our band program was practically wiped out after the hurricane hit," Crider said. "We had \$50,000 in equipment that we had just purchased that was lost in the hurricane, not to mention two-year-old uniforms valued at \$33,000."

Crider said the band's

losses did not end with equipment and uniforms.

"Before the hurricane, there were nearly 110 students in the program," Crider said. "After the hurricane, our numbers dropped down to around 50 or 55 students."

Gary Adam, a 1981 graduate of Bay High School, is the associate director of bands at the University of Southern Mississippi. Adam delivered approximately 50 instruments to the Bay High School campus.

"The people at Illinois collected around 100 instruments to be given to these two high schools," Adam said. "The instruments were divided evenly between Hancock and Bay."

According to Adam, UIUC gave the instru-

ments because of the compassion they felt for the students on the Gulf Coast.

"Illinois' wind-band staff has a good relationship with the staff at Southern Mississippi. So Pete Griffin, the director of their band, called me up wanting to help," Adam said. "When they found out that these schools lost their equipment, they wanted to do something to help."

According to Adam, the equipment was delivered to the university's campus in Hattiesburg on January 6, with the last of the equipment delivered to Bay High on January 12.

Crider said the students at UIUC collected all the instruments from around their area.

"These college students went around the place, collecting instruments, even bringing in some that they used to play when they were in high school," Crider said.

Marca Boyer-Alexander, principal of Bay High School, is a former band and music director. She said the band program is important to the school.

"The students involved in the band program are ambassadors of the school," Boyer-Alexander said. "They inspire and promote this school. I am confident that the program will flourish and grow in the coming times."

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UM Journalism students, professor, helping at Echo

THE ECHO

Randy Ponder, the publisher of the Sea Coast Echo and the remaining members of his staff spend their morning delivering newspapers in Hurricane-Katrina-devastated Waveland and Bay St. Louis. Like the communities it serves, the 114-year-old newspaper has had to adjust to life after the storm.

Wednesday, Ponder and his four-member staff received a boost from a group of University of Mississippi journalism students who have decided to spend the last part of their winter break helping the distressed publication in anyway necessary.

"Our goals are to help out a newspaper in need and the readers it serves and to get some great experience and grow professionally and personally," said UM Student Media Director Ralph Braseth, who's leading the students on this mission.

Braseth and the team of six students are joining the staff of the Echo, a 7,000 circulation newspaper that has continued to serve its community despite suffering major setbacks because of the storm.

The Echo's operations have undergone a transformation. Its staff of 25

is down to four. Its publisher, a 33-year veteran at the paper, plays every role from reporter and editor to delivery boy. And the 48-page, semi-weekly newspaper is down to about 12 pages as its advertising base is mostly gone.

"Not only did the storm wreck the county, it knocked out a lot of the businesses that advertised and a lot of the subscribers so the Echo is struggling from every direction," said Carolyn Wilson head of the Mississippi Press Association. "A lot of people would throw up their hands and say 'this is it.' Randy and his faithful few are carrying on."

When the storm left the newspaper offices flooded and covered in more than a foot of mud, Ponder and his staff didn't think of quitting. Instead, with three computers and two cameras — gifts from a newspaper in Alabama — they moved the newspaper's operation to Ponder's house, which also was partially damaged by Katrina's merciless winds and rains.

"When I took that first issue out after the hurricane, people were walking around in shock," Ponder said. "When I handed out that newspaper that first day, grown

men cried. I knew how important the paper was to the community, but I didn't know how much until then."

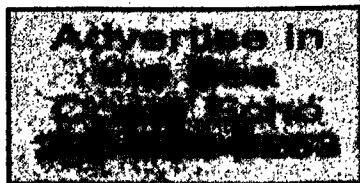
Ponder said having a regular paper gave the community hope, that "if a little newspaper can comeback, we can comeback too."

After six weeks in Ponder's living room the newspaper now operates out of a small two-bedroom apartment upstairs an old bar and grill.

Ponder said the students' help will make a huge difference to his tired staff.

The Echo is having a tough time attracting new workers from out of town as there is no available housing and many locals who have free housing and full wallets are not interested in working.

"It's sad to say, but with the abundance of FEMA money and Red Cross money, everybody down here is having a tough time finding people to work. My hope is that the students will do some feature stories with photographs that we can put in the computer and use as needed for the next couple weeks to take some of the pressure off."



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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Mardi Gras will be a welcome relief

I have a feeling the residents of the 500 block of deMontluzin Ave. in Bay St. Louis must feel like they reside in a trailer park.

There are probably not too many blocks around with 21 travel trailers.

Who knows, someone may come up with the idea of changing the name of the fifth block of deMontluzin to "Travel Trailer Lane."

It's hard to believe there have been 7,176 trailers delivered to Hancock County.

For a county of 45,000 (according to the 2000 census), that sure puts a high percentage of folks now living in a travel trailer.

Mardi Gras is already on the minds of many locals, and this may be good.

Cheerful things have been very few for the past four months.

Residents have had one major issue to worry about — the recovery from Katrina.

Even with all the hardships, the spirit of our residents has not been dampened.

Mardi Gras balls and parades will give that little extra bit of entertainment that is so badly needed.

If you own a small office or home-based business and need some technical assistance or collateral, you may want to attend the SBA Community Express Loan Program conference on Tuesday evening.

There is no fee to attend. It will be from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Coast Electric Community Room at the Business Assistance Center.

For reservations, contact the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048. The deadline is Monday, Jan. 16.

I have a feeling that someone wanting to start a small office or home-based business could benefit from attending.

Until next time. ...

Mississippi Dreamin'

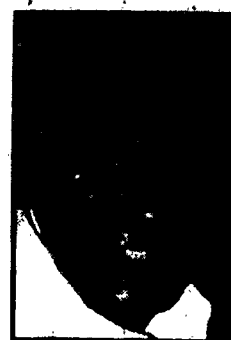
All the leaves are brown
And the sky is gray
I've been for a walk
On a winter's day

—The Mamas and the Papas

He was down there this morning, walking stiffly on the path that goes around the pond that borders our driveway. When I saw him, I was going down the steep hill from the house to get the mail, churning the snow hard with the heel of my boot, so I wouldn't slip on some buried stretch of ice.

I stopped, afraid I might spook him; the mail could wait.

There's ice on the pond, except for the open space near the driveway where the spring is. A large turtle or something often comes out near the surface in that area. I look for it when I walk down for the mail, but never see it. There is usually a splash and, what-



Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza
LaViolette

ever it is, is gone. Now, instead of a turtle, I find this visitor.

It's cold today. I threw a stone on the frozen pond the other day and the ice rang, emitting a clear, distinct tone. The creek just below the pond is partially frozen as well, despite the torrential pour of water from upstream. I have to cross a small concrete bridge that spans the creek to get to the road and our mailbox. I often stop and watch the cold torrent spurt out from beneath the bridge to plunge deep below the frozen waters of the creek.

I hate the cold; I hate the snow; I hate the prison the cold makes of

the old farmhouse when the falling snow is heavy and the driveway ices and the winds batter on the walls. I hate the continual gray sky and the desolate landscape with its barren trees and frozen hard ground. And now I find this ghost, this visitor, walking in the snow, tall and aloof, around our pond. Taunting me, bringing with his presence, painful images, thoughts, emotions from another time, another place.

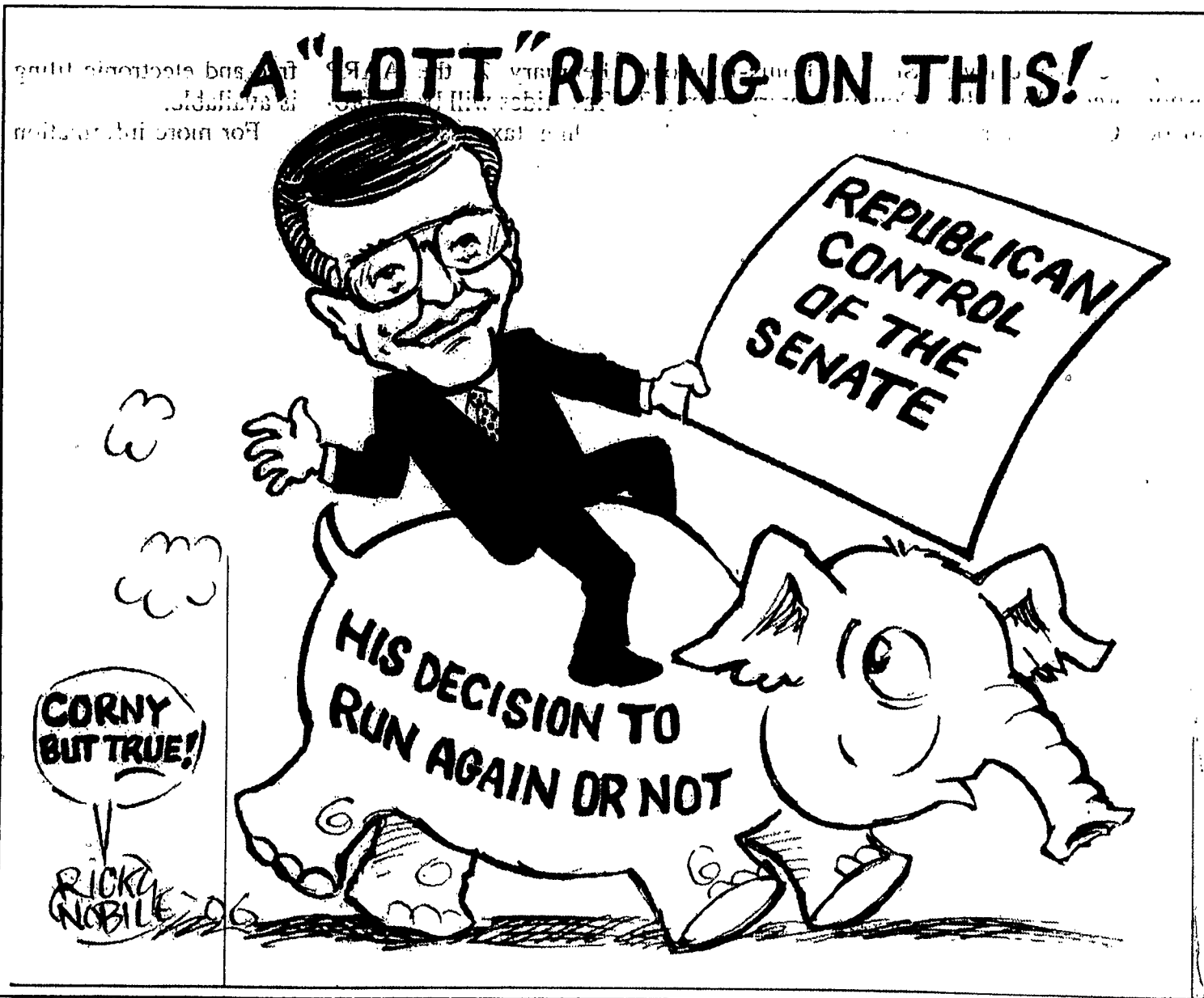
I move back up the hill slowly, making as little noise as possible, till I reach the house and rap on the large window in the kitchen. Stella is busy inside baking a pumpkin

pie and seeing me at the window, scowls at me. I motion her to come and she leaves the oven and comes to look to where I point down to the pond and gasps.

We gaze at the large bird, each deep in our own thoughts of what its presence means. It is a Great Blue Heron, a bird that stands an impressive four feet in height and can spread his wings to span an incredible seven feet. We have seen him near the pond once or twice before in the fall, but with terrible weather (it dropped to 20 F. the other day), we haven't seen him for some time.

Now here in the dead of winter, he walks the snow-covered path around our iced-over pond, leaving distinct imprints of his steps in the snow, moving with the same independent

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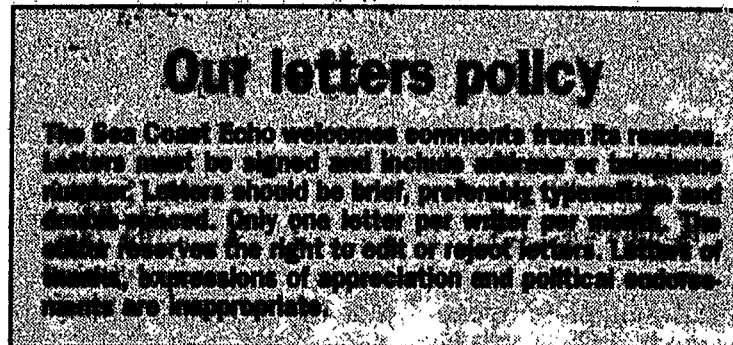
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Letters to the Editor

What is Bishop Rodi planning to do with the recovery funds?

We are well into January, when the Sun Herald reported Bishop Rodi would make his decision on the fate of Catholic schools damaged or destroyed by Katrina. While we await his decision, we are surrounded by rumors.

We have heard that the Bishop wants to build a "state of the art" facility in Woolmarket or D'Iberville that would



serve Catholic students across the coast. Does the Bishop actually think that parents living on the west end of the coast will be ABLE to commute twice a day? Time and job restraints will limit our ability to be involved in open houses, meetings, sporting events or

programs after school. Unfortunately in today's world, convenience does play a role in school choice. Many of us will simply not be able to do it.

Those of us who send our children to St. Clare Catholic School in Waveland believe we

already have a "state of the art" facility, even in tents. Many parents have expressed anger and frustration that St. Clare might not be rebuilt. Some have suggested they will not continue Catholic education for their children. These parents will take their children and their checkbooks elsewhere, maybe even exploring other faiths. Is this what the Catholic Diocese really wants?

As far as I know, parents have not been con-

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sulted about options for rebuilding the Catholic school system. How can an informed decision be made without the input of those paying tuition? Obviously, many decisions come down to dollars and cents. Wouldn't it be wise to consult the "paying customers"? If the Bishop truly cared about meeting the needs of the children, he would consult us. Perhaps, he has already made up his mind and does not value our input.

We understand the

financial dilemma that the Diocese faces, but we, the parents, want the best for our children. A shiny new building sounds great, but can it offer the benefits our children now receive in smaller neighborhood schools? There's a personal touch at St. Clare that can't be duplicated at a mega-facility. Personally, I value the smaller classes that St. Clare offers and the individual attention our children receive. How can a large facility offer the

nurturing environment that the younger children so desperately need? What about field trips or community service projects? I think it's important that those occur in the local communities to instill a sense of belonging and caring about the area in which one grows up.

If school consolidation is the only option, then please, please consult with the parents before any final decisions are made. We are Catholic education's biggest sup-

porters; don't alienate us. Help us work TOGETHER to find appropriate solutions. The tuition-paying parents have some valuable insights on meeting the needs of our children and the Diocese.

We are willing to fight for St. Clare, as I am sure are many of the other effected schools' families, even if it means taking these issues the national media.

Carmen West
Waveland, MS

Views -- Mississippi

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detachment that he walked on the bright, sun drenched sands of the beach in front of our Mississippi home so long ago.

Why is he here now, in this long cold winter, in this time of our sorrows, walking the cold path around our frozen pond, a being of other warmer, sunny time and place? I

have no books to refer to, to look up his territorial range or the seasons of his ranges. As with so many others of my books, my books on birds are gone and all I can think of as I watch him is the odd garishness of his alien presence in this cold world.

So many memories crowd up; days of sailing

with Gretal on the Sunfish, chasing this bird's cousins off pilings near the house, of their solitary, almost required presence to the ambience of the beach. But always, these same birds were there and the fact that they were there spoke of home, identified to us that where they were was our home.

There was a noise, maybe a car or dropping branch, whatever; the bird below us made several hops, expanded his enormous wings and lifted up to make several broad circles in the bare trees and was gone.

In the winter stillness, however, his presence, like the snow and the ice, stayed.

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VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and AARP (American Association of Retired Professionals) will begin free tax assistance Tuesday, January 17 and Thursday, February 2, respectively. Cosponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the programs will be held at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and the Kiln Public Library.

Beginning Tuesday,

January 17 the VITA Volunteers will be at the Kiln Public Library from 3-7 p.m., and every Tuesday thereafter. On Thursdays, beginning January 19, the volunteers will be at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library from 3-7 p.m., and each Thursday thereafter.

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (\$37,000 and below) people who cannot pre-

pare their own tax returns. Volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country.

Beginning Thursday, February 2, the AARP Tax Aides will begin providing tax assistance at the Kiln Public Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be at the Kiln Public Library each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesdays and

Saturdays at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hours are subject to change, and any changes will be posted at the two libraries. All services are free and electronic filing is available.

For more information call 467-5282. The Hancock County Library System can be found on the Web at www.hancocklibraries.info.

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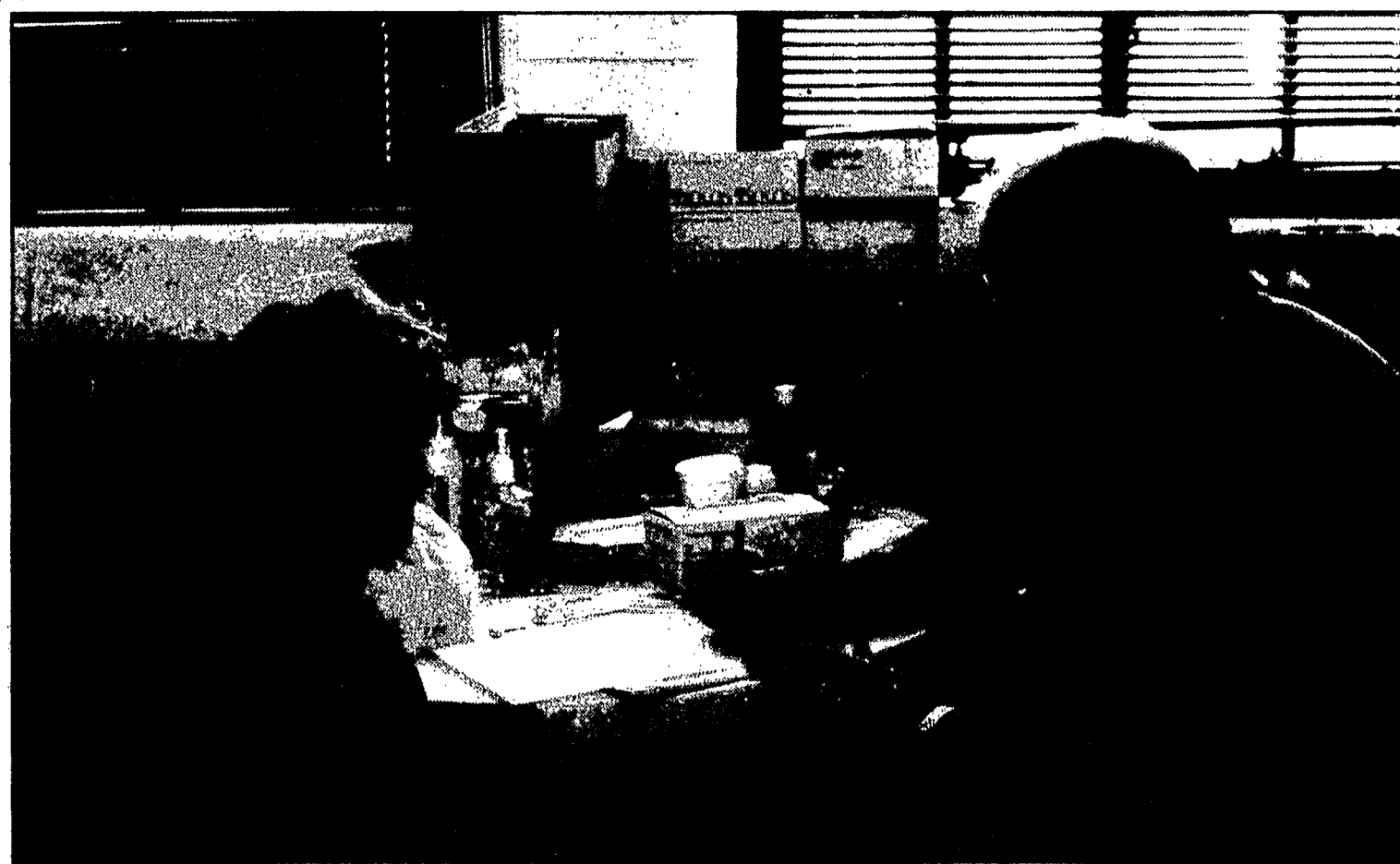
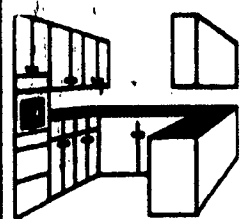


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Dr. Chittom examines residents of Hancock county at the free clinic in downtown Bay St. Louis. The clinic opened a few days after Hurricane Katrina struck the Coast. The clinic obtains all of its supplies from donations. The majority of the donations come from Loudon Medical Group, which is based in Loudon County, Virginia. The staff at this time includes four volunteers that include nurses and EMTs, on psychologist, and two doctors. One doctor is available during the week, and on Saturdays two doctors are available. Charles Callahan, an affiliate with Loudon Medical Group, oversees the progress of the clinic. The clinic examines about 100 people daily. It is completely free; however, the clinic is out of the flu vaccine at this time.

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Local merchants carry on Old Town tradition

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Downtown merchants are excited this week as the "Second Saturday" tradition is making a comeback. However, this time it will be on a much smaller scale, as the Clay Creation building at 220 Main street will play host to several former business owners. The building is the only business that is back open in the Old Town district.

"This has been a mutual thing for all of us," said Jenise McCardell of Clay Creations. "Many of the business owners were looking for a place to go, and we all wanted to get back to doing what we love."

The Clay Creations building has a myriad of local flavor inside its doors. Local Artist, Photographers, and Jewelry makers are using the front part of McCardell's building as a temporary shop. Business owners Lori Gordon, Vicki Niolet, Debra Kennedy, Betty Stechmann, Pamela and Sid Yoder, and McCardell still has the back part for her clay studio.

"Jenise has done a great service to the community," said Nancy Finlason. "Everything passes in front of the store, and these shops have brought a lot of people together."

McCardell said that most of her business has come from outsiders who have wanted to take a piece of Bay St. Louis back with them. Local customers are coming



Jenise McCardell of Clay Creations creates in clay on Wednesday.

back, and McCardell said that her business has been doing well ever since she reopened. Former customers of the Old Town merchants are happy to see a place to go, as well as seeing familiar faces.

"I love it," said Dovie Mays. "I'm a firm believer in keeping everything here. I lived on State street and retired here, so this is my home, and these people are my family."

Nearly all of the businesses on Main St. were wiped out by Hurricane Katrina. Some of the businesses have reopened in other places, but the Bay St. Louis Old Town Merchant Association hopes that most will return in time. "We hope that things will get back to normal

with 18 months," said Vicki Niolet. "We would like to see things exactly the way as they were, although we understand that things are going to be different. There was a certain small town ambience here, and that is what we want to protect. We want to have a meeting of the Merchants Association on Jan. 26."

Rebuilding everything the way that it was may not be as easy as it seems, as finances and previous problems with Main St. and Beach Bl. will be addressed along with the rebuilding.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre said at a town hall meeting Tuesday night that some improvements are being made along the street.

"If we do what we

want to do, we will create more land on the backside of the beach front, and bring the seawall up to street level," Favre said. "This should allow us to have better parking, and less traffic congestion in the area, and allow us to keep the Downtown area pretty much like it was. We got an estimate of about 12 million dollars to rebuild everything as is. It just does not make sense to rebuild the same, when there were problems before."

Favre believes that most business owners along Beach Bl. and Main St. will see the advantages of having a property owners and the city. By creating more

land on the back side, we may ask the property owners to give up a little on the front side. I do not anticipate any eminent domain issues to come about from this."

Favre said that construction on a temporary road will begin later this month, and that a permanent road will be the result of a joint effort from a

number of agencies.

As for the Main street merchants, they are going to keep going as if nothing ever happened.

"Second Saturday will be from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday Jan. 14. We are excited about having the second Saturday again, and we hope to see everyone return." Finlason said.

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Weddings & Engagements

Smith-Chiniche



Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rutherford

Natalie Maria Smith and Jason Paul Chiniche, both of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage on October 15, 2005, at Our Lady of The Gulf Catholic Church. Father Mike Austin Officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. James W. Smith and Ms. Alison Smith of Bay St. Louis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Chiniche of Bay St. Louis.

Attending as the Matron and Maid of Honour were the Bride's sisters, Miranda Compretta and Alexa Smith. Bridesmaids were Michelle Knight and Jami Chiniche, both sisters of the groom. The

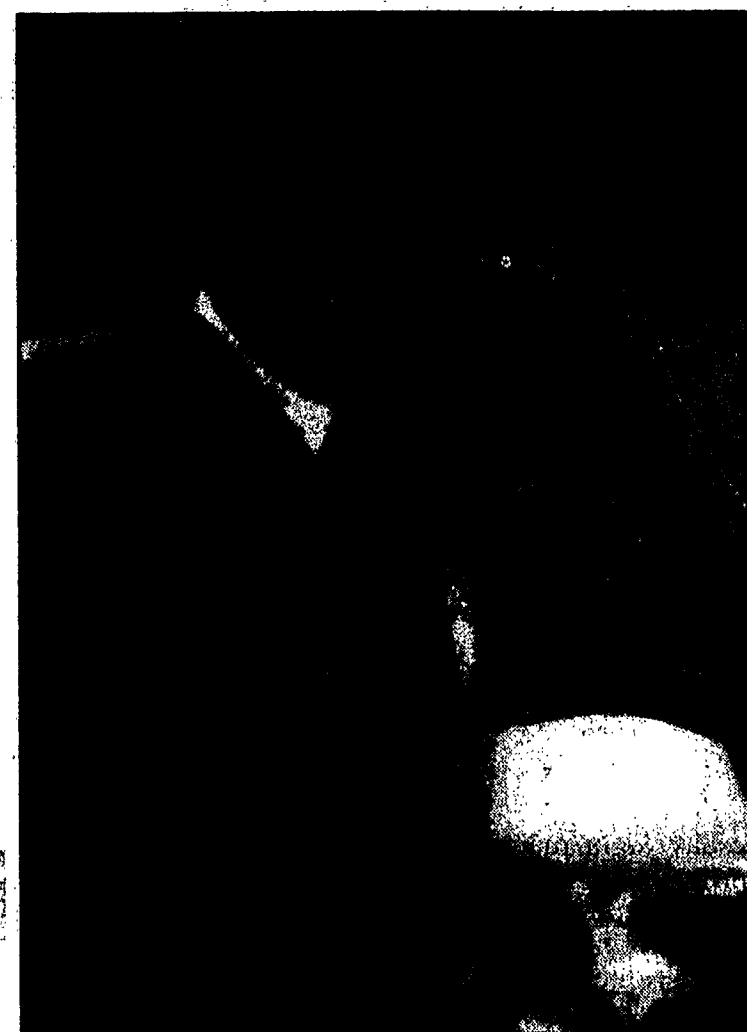
flower girl was Annabelle Wise, cousin of the bride.

James Chiniche, father of the groom, served as the best man. Groomsmen were Dane Knight, nephew of the groom, and Brennan Compretta, brother-in-law of the bride. Junior groomsmen were Levi knight and Cooper Compretta, both nephews of the bride and groom.

The ring bearer was Cade Compretta, nephew of the bride.

The reception was held at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Brennan Compretta.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Chiniche reside in Bay St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Paul Chiniche

Chiniche-Rutherford

Jami P Chiniche and John D Rutherford, both of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage on October 22, 2005, on the front steps of Our Lady of The Gulf Catholic Church. Father Kelly officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J Chiniche of Bay St. Louis. Attending as the Matron of Honour was Mrs Michelle C. Knight. Bridesmaids were Natalie Chiniche, Julie Cook, Jill Rutherford, Joy Rayburn and flower girl, Sophia Compretta.

The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Rutherford, III of Bay St. Louis.

Brandon Rhodes served as the best man. Groomsmen were Jason Chiniche, Evan Cook, Chad Ambrose, Andrew Williams and ring bearers John David Rutherford, V, Levi Knight and Mark Cook.

The reception was held at the Home of the bride's parents James and Betty Chiniche.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford IV will reside in Bay St. Louis.

Julie Ladner, Michael Makamson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary David Ladner of Bay St. Louis would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Rose Ladner to Michael Durrell Makamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Makamson of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunter of Meridian.

Julie was a 1995 high school graduate of Our Lady Academy and a 1999 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology and Audiology, and in 2000 she received a Bachelor of Science in Special Education. Julie is currently employed as a Speech Therapist for the Picayune School District.

Michael was a 1993 graduate of Greenwood High School and a 1997 graduate of Delta State University. He graduated with a Bachelor of



Julie Ladner and Michael Makamson

Science in Biology, and in 2000 he attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Michael is currently

employed as a Youth Minister at Goodyear Baptist Church.

Julie is the granddaughter of the late Mr.

and Mrs. David Leon Ladner of Bay St. Louis, the late Mr. Parvin Anthony Greenwell of Jackson, and of Mrs. Rosa Greenwell of Jackson. Michael is the grandson of the late Mr. Algie Trussell of Meridian, the late Mrs. Mona Gilder of Meridian, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Makamson of Itta Bena.

Julie Rose Ladner and Michael Durrell Makamson will be united on April 22, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the Goodyear Baptist Church in Picayune. The reception will be held at the Senior Center in Picayune.

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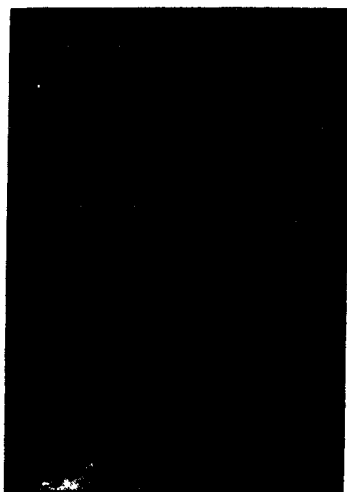
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Obituaries

**JOHN BILBO
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ROBERT VAUGHN**



JOHN BILBO

Mr. John A. Bilbo, age 52, and a resident of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, January 6, 2006, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Bilbo was born in Bay St. Louis where he resided his whole life. He was a member of the Bayou Talla Fellowship Church in Kiln and loved the outdoors and fishing.

He is preceded in death by his father, Chester Morris Bilbo, Sr.; sister, Darlene Ann Ruspoli; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bilbo and Mr. and Mrs. Agnel Stiglet.

He is survived by his mother, Jessie Gardner of Kiln; children, Jessie Thomson, Jason R. Bilbo, and Terry C. Bilbo all of Bay St. Louis, and Elijah Bilbo of Gautier; siblings, Rose Mary Clark of Kiln, Chester M. Bilbo, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, Russell T. Ruspoli of Kiln, and Michael A. Ruspoli of Kiln. His long-time companion, Debra Pique of Long Beach, stepfather, A.J. Ruspoli of Waveland; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at Bayou Talla Fellowship Church. Committal services followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

Gulf Coast Funeral Homes, Inc. is in charge of arrangements, and a guestbook may be viewed and signed online at www.gulfcoastfh.com.

ERA CRAIG

Era Ann Salvant Craig, 78 of Bay St. Louis, MS died

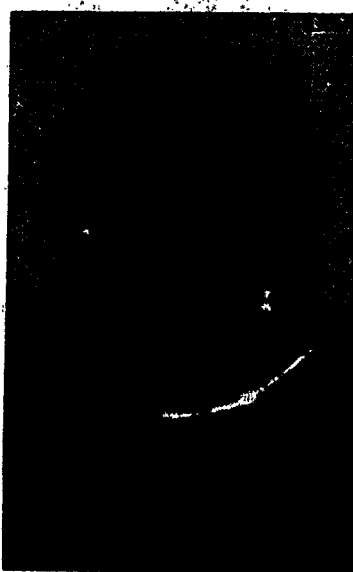
Wednesday, January 11, 2006 in Gulfport, MS. She was born on December 25, 1927 in Biloxi, MS and was a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. She was of the Protestant Faith and an avid bridge player.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Maurice C. and Velma Hammette Salvant.

She is survived by her husband Clyde O. Craig of Bay St. Louis, MS; and four sons, Timothy O. Craig of Bay Minette, AL, Paul M. Craig of Calif., James A. Craig of Long Beach, MS, Matthew C. Craig of Brea, Calif. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, January 13, 2006 from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Prayer Service will follow at 2:00 pm.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.



WILLIAM SMITH

Dr. William F. Smith, Jr., 64, of Madisonville, KY and formerly of Murray, KY, died Sunday, January 8, 2006, at his residence.

Born December 14, 1941 in Hodgenville, KY. He was the son of William Freeman Smith and Martha Jane Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Russell Warren Moore and one granddaughter, Kelly Renee Opp.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics from Murray State University in 1964 and his PhD in Theoretical Physics from the University of Kentucky in 1968. He taught physics and computer science at Murray State University from 1968 to 1973 and from 1976 to 1989, working at Sperry Rand in Huntsville, AL from 1973 to 1976. He worked for Lockheed at the

Committee. She was also a chairperson for the Financial Committee and the Family and Friends Committee, as well as a Communion Steward. Mrs. Drummond will be remembered as a devoted United Methodist woman. She was also involved in her community as a leader for the Democratic Party.

Mrs. Drummond is survived by one son, Charles S. Dorsey, Jr., of Bay St. Louis; one daughter, Linette Bill Patel of Bay St. Louis; and also by three grandchildren.

Visitation for Mrs. Drummond was held on Friday, January 13, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church. Her funeral service was held on January 13, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. The service was officiated by Reverend Bobby McGill, who was assisted by Elder Bobby Dailey.

Mrs. Drummond's burial will be in the Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.

Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, MS from 1989 until 2004. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Murray.

Surviving are one daughter, Lynne Vincent of Bremen, KY; one son, Dr. William Freeman Smith, III of Madisonville; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Jane Smith and Mary Elizabeth Smith of Murray, KY and two brothers, Sydney Smith and Roy Smith.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville with the Reverend Brian Morse officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington, KY.

Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Saturday.

Memorials may take the form of donations to: MSU Foundation, Dr. William F. Smith, Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Murray State University, 106 Development Center, Murray, KY 42071.

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ROBERT VAUGHN

Robert Clifton Vaughn, 59 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Friday, January 6, 2006 in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon on August 10, 1946 and was a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 16 years. He was a member of Assembly of God Church which he loved. He loved his family especially his wife of 27 years.

He is preceded in death by his step-sons Horace & Troy Garcia and his parents, David and Edna Vaughn.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Vaughn of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 daughters, Jane Smith of Waveland, MS, Eugenia Lauga of Bay St. Louis, MS and 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

His services will be held at a later date.

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U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor on Friday sent a letter to Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour urging him to reject recommendations that would only offer grant assistance to homeowners whose houses sustained more than 50 percent in damages.

Citing the need to rebuild and repair as many homes as possible in South Mississippi, Taylor wrote, "I strongly believe that every home that was not in a special flood hazard area on the federal flood maps, yet suffered damage that insurance adjusters have attributed to flooding, should be eligible for the

CDBG assistance."

Taylor went on to suggest that assistance money should be based on actual damages, so that no one is awarded \$150,000 for a \$50,000 loss. He also recommended limiting individual grants to the amount of insurance coverage homeowners had on their property at the time of Hurricane Katrina.

The Katrina Homeowner Relief Grants, also known as Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs), were part of a Katrina Relief package enacted into law on December 30th, 2005. The package included \$11.5 billion for CDBGs in both Mississippi and

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Sports

Hawks split with HCHS; Bay soccer nips Pass 3-2

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks split a pair of games with the Harrison Central Red Rebels on Tuesday, January 10th in Kiln. The Red Rebels defeated the Hawks 57-30 in a game that was much closer than the scoreboard showed. In the girls game, the Lady Hawks pulled away late for the 55-48 division win.

Hawks' boys coach, Michael Eadner, stated, "They got a little momentum right before halftime and hit a big three-pointer to open the second half which gave them the spark they needed. We made some crucial turnovers that resulted in points for Harrison Central so we need to work on protecting the ball better. I was real pleased with our first half performance. The difference in the game was our turnovers and their offensive rebounding."

Hancock (6-11, 0-2) led 15-10 after the first period and went into halftime down just six points, 28-22. Noah Heitzmann led Hancock with 11 points followed by Drew Malley with 10

points.

In the girls game, the Lady Hawks (15-4, 1-0) used a strong second half performance to pull away for the 55-48 win. The Lady Hawks were down at halftime 26-21.

Lady Hawks head coach, Pam Slayton, commented, "Every game is very meaningful for us. We had a starter out tonight and Jessica Dubuisson stepped up for us with 13 points. This was an important division win for us. We still have work to do in terms of free throw shooting and defensive lapses."

Randa Lee paced Hancock with 20 points followed by Dubuisson with 13 points and Shondrea Lee with 10 points.

In high school soccer action, the Bay High Tigers split a pair of games with the Pass Christian Pirates on Tuesday night at the Gulfport Sportsplex just off I-10.

The Tigers (5-2-2, 4-1) defeated the Pirates 3-2 in a see-saw contest. Marcelo DeSousa put the Tigers on the scoreboard off an assist from Kyle Moran. The goal tied the game at 1-1.

The first half ended

with the two teams tied 1-1.

Kenneth Poore followed up a rocket by DeSousa that deflected off the Pirate goalie to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead. However, the Pirates weren't backing down as they knotted the score at 2-2 a few minutes later.

With about eight minutes remaining in regulation, Kyle Moran sealed the deal for the Tigers on a penalty kick.

Chris Doxey, Bay High coach, stated, "We came out sluggish again and allowed the Pirates to score first. We have been scored on first in every game this season. We battled back and claimed a close game. But, a win is a win. We are still battling some injuries but hope to have all starters back in the lineup by January 20th."

In high school girls action, the Lady Tigers were shutout 3-0 by the Lady Pirates (5-2-1, 2-2).

Cory McGee, Jennifer Jones, and Janie Gormingall scored for the Lady Pirates.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws defeated Pearl River Central 4-1 in division action.

Brad Lingsch scored

twice in the game while Cameron Bosley and Henderson Hewes each added goals. John Hadden earned the win in goal for SSC.

In previous basketball action, the Hancock Hawks defeated D'Iberville 64-54 on January 6th. Noah Heitzmann led a trio of Hawks in double-figures with 21 points. Jonathan Moran added 15 points and Justin Strief scored 10 points.

On January 7th, the Hawks fell to St. Charles Catholic on the road 67-52.

Noah Heitzmann paced Hancock with 20 points followed by Drew Malley with 10 points.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws played host to the Pass Christian Pirates in hardwood action on Friday, January 13th at the Father Peter Mockler Gymnasium and St. Bernard-Chalmette Unified School on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Bay High entertained the Pass Christian Pirates in basketball action. Full scoring details of all three games will be available in Wednesday's edition.

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HHS holds football banquet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The 50-yard line booster club of Hancock High School honored the football players and cheerleaders with an awards banquet and steak dinner on Wednesday, January 11th in the school commons.

First, second and fourth year cheerleaders were honored for the participation in the sport during the past football season.

Brianna Necaise was the team's captain and earned the Captain's Award. The 11% Award was merited by Derae Graham while Samantha Smith earned

the Coach's Award. The Cheerleader of the Year was Rebecca Murray.

There were 35 first-year letter winners who were presented with a block "H" while 20 second-year participants earned letter jackets. Four third-year and fourth-year letter winners were honored with plaques and embroidered fleece jackets, respectively. Managers and statisticians were also honored.

Kevin Lafontaine, Colin Miller, Braxton Necaise, Brently Necaise and Andrew Smith were all entered into the Hawk Club.

Chris Jochum earned

the Most Valuable Defensive Back Award while Andrew Smith earned the Most Valuable Offensive Back Award. Brently Necaise was named the Most Valuable Linebacker Award.

Drew Malley claimed the Most Valuable Wide Receiver Award while Kevin Lafontaine earned the Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award.

Colin Miller earned the Most Valuable Offensive Lineman Award.

Toby Dastugue earned the junior varsity Most Improved Award. Brandon Hess and Dustin Johnson were named the

junior varsity Hawk Award winners.

The Most Improved Award for varsity was merited by Joe Necaise. The Offseason Workout Award was presented to Sam Luc while Steven Keatley and Jesse Stennett earned the Summer Workout Warrior awards.

The Coach's Award was presented to Donovan Saucier while Braxton Necaise claimed the Varsity Hawk Award.

Pass' McGee wins indoor 1600m competition at LSU

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Cory McGee, an eighth grader at Pass Christian, won the 1600m run at the LSU Indoor Track and Field Classic in baton Rouge on Saturday, January 7th.

McGee's winning time was 5:10.73 in the event. She led from the first lap throughout the race.

McGee edged St. Thomas Aquinas' Whitney Curry who finished in 5:10.85.

Last year, McGee won both the 1600m and 3200m races at the Class 4A state track meet in Jackson.

The 2006 Mississippi outdoor track season will get underway in mid-March.

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President George W. Bush speaks at Stanislaus

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all. Please be seated. Haley said that it's protocol not to introduce the President. Well, that shows what he knows about protocol. (Laughter.) He just introduced me. (Laughter.) Thanks for having me back. My first observation is, it's good to see -- to be able to look in people's eyes and not see them all bloodshot. (Laughter.)

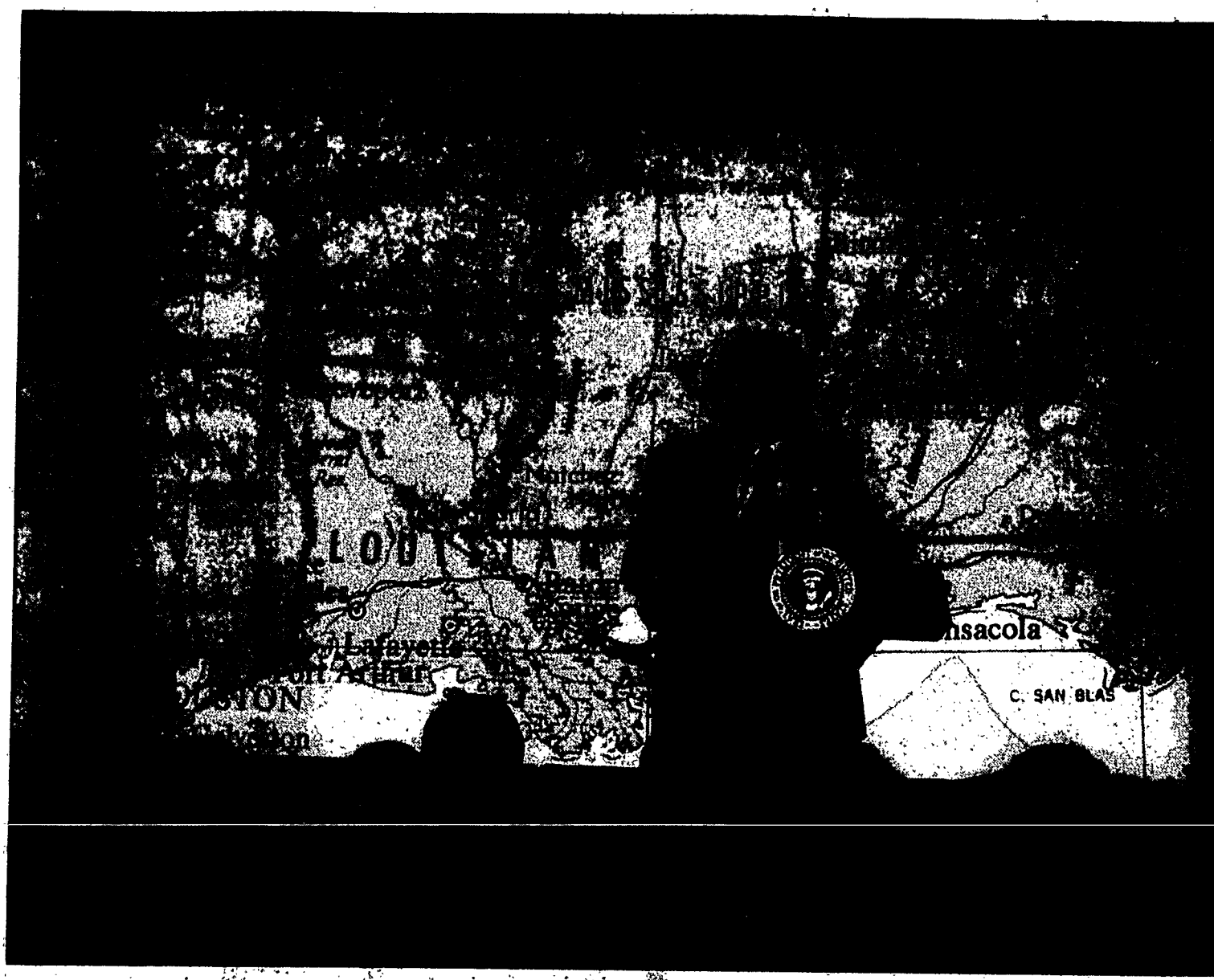
I can remember coming here, the times I came, and looked hard in people's eyes and saw a sense of desperation and worry and deep, deep concern about the future. I'm sure there is still concern about the future, but the eyes have cleared up. There's a sense of optimism. There's a hope, there's a little bounce in people's step. I'm not surprised; the people down here have showed incredible courage. And I want to thank you for showing the rest of our country what it means to survive an incredible hardship with high spirits. (Applause.)

Your Governor has done a magnificent job. He went up to Washington -- (applause.) You know, it's nice of him to give me the credit to sign the bill. It's nice of him to compliment Congressman Taylor, who deserves to be complimented, and compliment -- (applause) -- and Congressman Chip Pickering -- (applause) -- both of whom are here, and I thank them for coming. It's wise of him to compliment Senator Lott and Senator Cochran. (Laughter.) And he's right to compliment them. But the truth of the matter is, the person who deserves the biggest compliment, in my judgment, is the man who brought the will of the Mississippi people, the needs of the Mississippi people up to Washington and fashioned one heck of a piece of legislation for the people of this important state -- thank you, Governor, for your hard work. (Applause.)

And I want to thank Marsha for being here, as well. I don't know how you put up with him for all these years. (Laughter.) You must be a patient soul. But he married well, just like me. And speaking about that, Laura sends her best wishes to all of you all. She's looking forward to coming back down here. She's not going to believe the difference between the last time she was here and today.

It's hard sometimes, unless you've got a perspective. I have the perspective of having spent some time here, but not all my time. And I can remember what was, and now what is, and I can see what's going to be, too. And it's going to be a better Gulf Coast of Mississippi. (Applause.)

I want to thank Roy Bernardi, who is the Deputy Secretary of HUD. He's going to have some stuff to do to make sure this part of the world rebounds. I like your Mayors. They're down-to-earth people. They are good, solid people. (Applause.) Mayor Eddie Favre. You know, one time a buddy of mine said, when the baseball players and owners couldn't figure out an agreement and they went on strike and quit Major League Baseball -- he said, "I'm never going back to a baseball game for 10 years." And I said, sure, you know. And he's a great baseball fan. And, sure enough, last year was his 10th year and he finally went to a game. The reason



President George W. Bush speaks Thursday at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis.

Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer

I bring that up is Eddie said, "I'm not going to wear long pants" -- (laughter) -- and I'm saying to myself, one of these days, the President is going to show up and Eddie sure enough will put on long pants. (Laughter.) I didn't know him very well. (Laughter.) I arrived here at this important school and he's got short pants on. Eddie, I like a man who sticks to his guns. (Laughter and applause.) Thanks for hosting us.

And so I'm standing in the White House at a Christmas reception, and in walks Tommy Lono. He's the Mayor of Waveland, of course. And he had on a fantastic suit. (Laughter.) I nearly fell out. (Laughter.) Tommy Lono in a suit? (Laughter.) I said, "Where did you get that thing?" He said, "It's amazing what you can find in the rub-bish." (Laughter.)

I've learned something about the Mayors up and down the Gulf Coast. You've got some young Mayors east of here who have been in office, what, three or four months, and the storm hit. They were incredibly tested -- Pascagoula and other places. You got some veterans who have been around for a while, never dreamt they'd see a day like the day they saw. But whether they're veterans or rookies, all of them have stood strong. All of them have rallied with the first responders. All of them have shown great compassion to the people. I am proud of your local Mayors, your local governments, people like Rocky Pullman of the Hancock Board of Supervisors, the people working in these counties. You got some good folks down here. And one of the reasons why I'm confident about your recovery is because you've elected good people to take on the job. (Applause.)

Finally, I want to thank Brother Talbot and Brother Hingle of this fantastic school. (Applause.) Thanks for hosting us. Tommy Lono was in the class of '75. I hope that means you didn't lower your academic standards in that year. (Laughter.) He and old Doc Blanchard, they told me. Doc Blanchard went here, in case you didn't know it, the Heisman Trophy winner who carried the leather for West Point. And one of the things the Brother told me -- he said, we wanted to make sure we saved the

Heisman Trophy that Doc Blanchard had made sure was housed here at this facility.

But I do want to thank you all for letting us come by. Thanks for your -- being in education; really an important part of the future of this state and this country, to make sure people get a good education.

I stood in Jackson Square early on in -- after the storm hit, and I said we're not just going to survive, but thrive. By that I meant, it's one thing to kind of ride it out; it's another thing to take out of the storm that hit, convert this into a better life. I said we're not just going to cope, but we'll overcome. I meant what I said. I couldn't have said that if I didn't have confidence, though, in the people in the local area that have such a spirit to be able to do so.

I'm here to report to you some of the progress made and to let you know that people in faraway places like Washington, D.C. still hear you and care about you. Signing all the legislation I've signed, the federal government has committed \$85 billion so far to helping folks and to help rebuild the Gulf Coast of -- (applause.) Of that \$85 billion, about \$25 billion has been spent. So \$85 billion is available, \$25 billion of it is already in the pipeline -- that's \$60 billion more coming your way.

Part of the strategy to make sure that the rebuilding effort after the recovery effort worked well was to say to people like Haley, and the Governor or Louisiana and the Mayor of New Orleans, you all develop a strategy. It's your state, it's your region, you know the people better than people in Washington -- develop the rebuilding strategy. And the role of the federal government is to coordinate with you and to help.

I thought that was an important first statement to make, when people began to wonder what life would be like after the storm hit. My view is, and a lot of my political philosophy is based on, the local folks know better than the folks in Washington, D.C. (Applause.) I remember when Haley invited me down, and he said -- I think we were in a tent at that time, and there wasn't a lot of electricity, it was like an old-time daytime revival without electricity. It was

hot in the tent -- it was the first meeting, I think, at least the first called meeting of the commission headed by Jim Barksdale. Citizens from all walks of life, all occupations, all aimed at one thing: putting together a strategy that will help this part of the world become even better than it was before.

I have an obligation to make sure that the federal government responds and coordinates and stays in touch with not only the commission and the Governor, but local folks, as well. And I picked a fellow that I trust, a person who's had a lot of experience, a person who understands how people think down here -- after all, he is from Texas -- he understands urban life and he understands rural life, and he knows the importance of county commissioners -- you call them county supervisors, I guess. He's a guy who's a good listener and he's got my full confidence. And that's my friend, Don Powell, who's with me today. He's going to be the federal coordinator. (Applause.) His job is to come down here and listen and report back.

And I recognize there are some rough spots, and I'm going to mention some of them here in a minute -- and we're going to work to make them as smooth as possible. The first challenge we had after the storm hit was to take care of the people that were displaced. Millions of people, or over a million people evacuated and scattered. It was an amazing period in our history, when you think about it. One day people's lives are turned upside down and they're looking for help and they're looking for compassion -- and they found it. People found it in churches, in synagogues, in community centers, in private homes. It's an amazing part of our history when you think about it. It's like there's a great capacity to absorb hurt in our country, because we've got individuals that are so decent and honorable.

The government had a role to play, and that was to get money in people's pockets. I mean, when you have to evacuate, you don't have time to plan. And so one of the first things we did was we got \$2,000 in people's pockets as quickly as possible to help them. In other words, it was a response geared toward the individual. We had a spe-

cial designation for all evacuees, so they can become available for Medicaid, or family services, or the federal programs. The idea was to get a response as quickly as possible to people who are scattered all over the country so they could -- to help get their feet on the ground.

We gave waivers to states. In other words, we kind of deregulated the system so states could respond quickly to the people who needed help. We provided 700,000 households with rental help. In other words, the goal is for people to be back in their homes, in a home they call their own. That's the goal. But in the meantime, we had to deal with people evacuated and people without homes. And so a part of the plan has been to provide temporary housing with rental vouchers: \$390 million went out as HUD vouchers for a group of people that qualified.

I can remember people hollering for trailers. We became the largest consumer of trailers probably in the history of mankind. (Laughter.) And I know it was slow to begin with. The production needed to be ramped up, and, frankly, the government crowded out other purchasers in order to set priorities for people down in this part of the world. We've now put out 61,000 trailers, and there are more in the pipeline. I was asking Haley, does he have a feel for how many more we need, and he said, we're getting close to the end, but there's still a need. And we understand that. And the manufacturing is making -- we put cruise ships out at one point to help people house on a temporary basis -- particularly in New Orleans, so that we could get the police and the firefighters a place to stay, so they could do their job.

People ended up in hotel rooms. At one time there was about 80-some thousand people in hotel rooms. It's now down to 25,000 families in hotel rooms. We're in the process of trying to locate every single family and provide the rental assistance help for them, so they can move from the hotel into rental housing -- all aimed, by the way, at providing some kind of housing until the permanent housing market takes off. We're trying to bridge from being an evacuee to a person in a place

until their own home gets ready to move into.

And so what can we do? Well, first thing is we can focus on repairing homes. That's not going to do you very good down here in Waveland. I understand that. Tommy and I and the Governor and Marsha just drove by -- there's no homes to repair. It's just been flattened. That's what the people of America have got to understand. Sometimes hurricanes go through and there's a home and a structure you can maybe put a roof on, or do something -- not here. Our fellow citizens have got to know when this hurricane hit, it just obliterated everything, it just flattened it.

But in parts of the hurricane zone, there's repairs that can be done. FEMA assistance will help with that. SBA loans have gone out to about -- for about \$2.1 billion to help people repair their homes. Now, the most innovative approach, however, to getting the homes rebuilt is the CDBG grants that Haley Barbour negotiated on behalf of the people of Mississippi. That's government initials for direct money to help people who weren't able to get their insurance to pay them off. (Applause.)

I remember being down in Biloxi. I think it was my first trip. And it was hot and it was steamy. An old lady walked up to me and said to me -- I said, "How are you doing?" And she looked at me and she said, "Not worth a darn." (Laughter.) And I said, "Well, I don't blame you." She said, "I've been paying all my life for my insurance. Every time that bill came, I paid it. Every time it came, I paid it. And all of a sudden, the storm hit, Mr. President, and I came time to collect, and they told me, no." And she was plenty unhappy and she was looking for anybody she could be unhappy with, and I just happened to be the target. (Laughter.) I think Gene was with me then, I might have shared the story with Gene about that.

One way to handle the issue -- I know you got a lawsuit here; I'm not going to talk about the lawsuit. But Haley did something innovative, which was take the CDBG grants -- a lot of money for Mississippi, and going to help the people do the job that many think the insurance companies should have done in the first place. (Applause.)

Having said that, the government has paid out \$12 billion in flood insurance. For those who had flood insurance, the government is making good on its -- on the bargain with the people. If you got an FHA loan, your loan will be forgiven for a year. In other words, there is an attempt to try to make sure that things are being done so that we can -- people can get back in their homes, and people can get to be rebuilding.

There's going to be a building boom down here; there just is. It's going to be an exciting time for people. One of the real challenges is whether or not people are going to have the skill set necessary to be able to meet the needs of the people. Are there going to be enough electricians, enough plumbers, enough roofers? But you're going to have yourself a building boom, you watch. It will be work -- people are going to be working hard here.

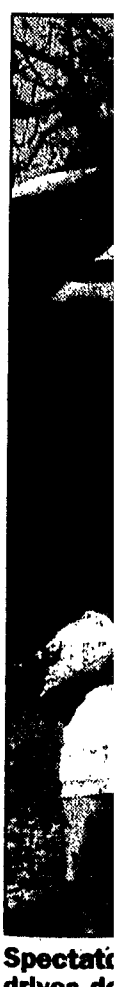
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Bush -- president visits Hancock County

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Katrina. Thursday's appearance was his first official scheduled visit since to Waveland and Bay St. Louis since his presidency began.

Bush opened his remarks Thursday with both praise for Gov. Haley Barbour and local leaders such as Supervisor Rocky Pullman, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo and Bay Mayor Eddie Favre -- and some playful jabs at their expense.

"I like your mayors," Bush said. "They're good people. They're down-to-earth people."

However, he said, "Tommy Longo was in the class of '75 (here at St. Stanislaus). I hope that doesn't mean you lowered your academic standards."

Bush also ribbed Favre for pledging to only wear short-pants until the Bay recovers from the storm, even during a visit from the president.

Bush acknowledged there were some initial hiccups in the federal government's response to Katrina, which he

called "rough spots," but said some important lessons had been learned.

"There's going to be some lessons learned about having agencies that get overwhelmed by the size of a storm," he said, "agencies whose job it is to help people get on their feet and maybe aren't able to do it quite as efficiently as some would like. Those are the lessons we're going to continually analyze."

"That's what you ought to expect of those of us who have been given the high honor of serving you -- to constantly look for ways to do things better. And I just want to assure you, we are. We are."

"The first challenge we had after the storm hit was to take care of the people who had been displaced," he said. "Over a million people evacuated and scattered. ... It's an amazing part of our history when you think about it."

Immediately after the storm, the president said, "The government had a

role to play and that's to put money into people's pockets."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) did that swiftly, sending an average \$2,000 to more than 700,000 households to "help people get their feet on the ground."

After that, Bush said, "We became the largest consumer of trailers probably in the history of mankind. ... We've now put out 61,000 trailers and there's more in the pipeline."

The president also pledged to continue working with the governor and local leaders to make sure there is enough training for the

people of south Mississippi for them to be able to take the jobs that are going to open up during an "exciting" rebuilding process.

In all Bush said, more than \$85 billion has been budgeted to help the people of the Coast rebuild, \$25 billion of which has already made it here in the form of housing supplements, debris removal and local government subsidies.

Bush praised the people of South Mississippi for the progress they've already made since the storm and for their stoic, self-assured reaction to it.

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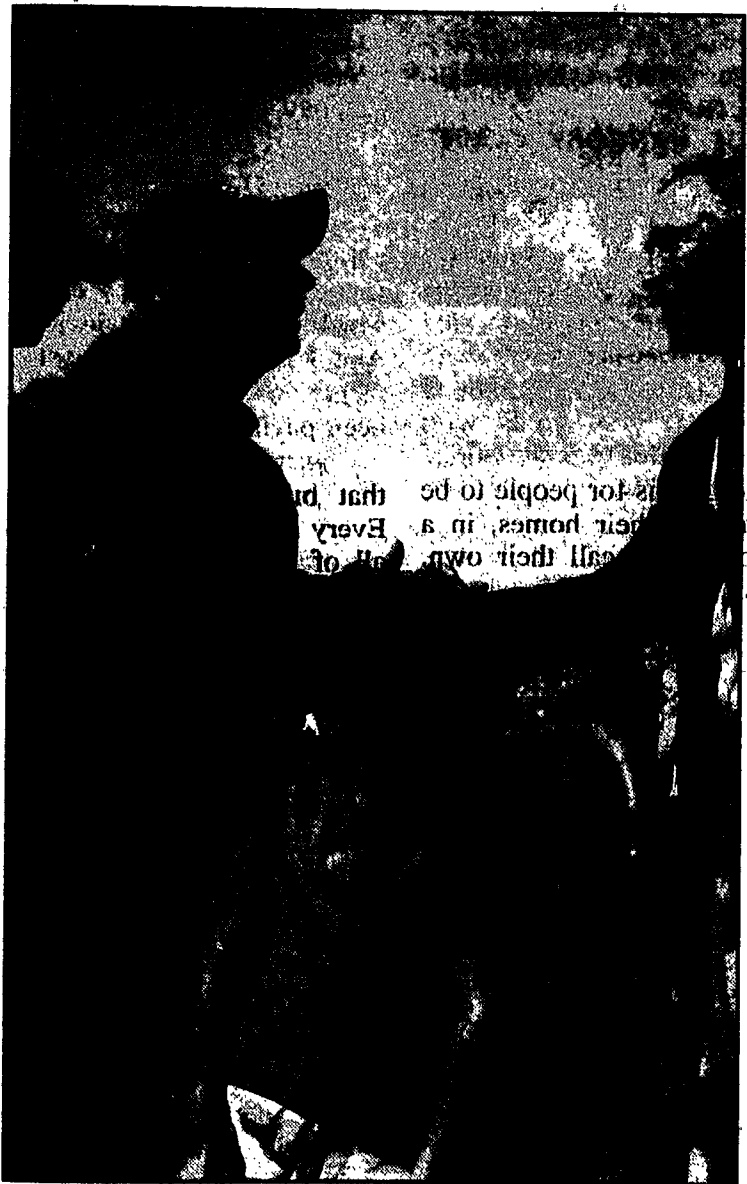
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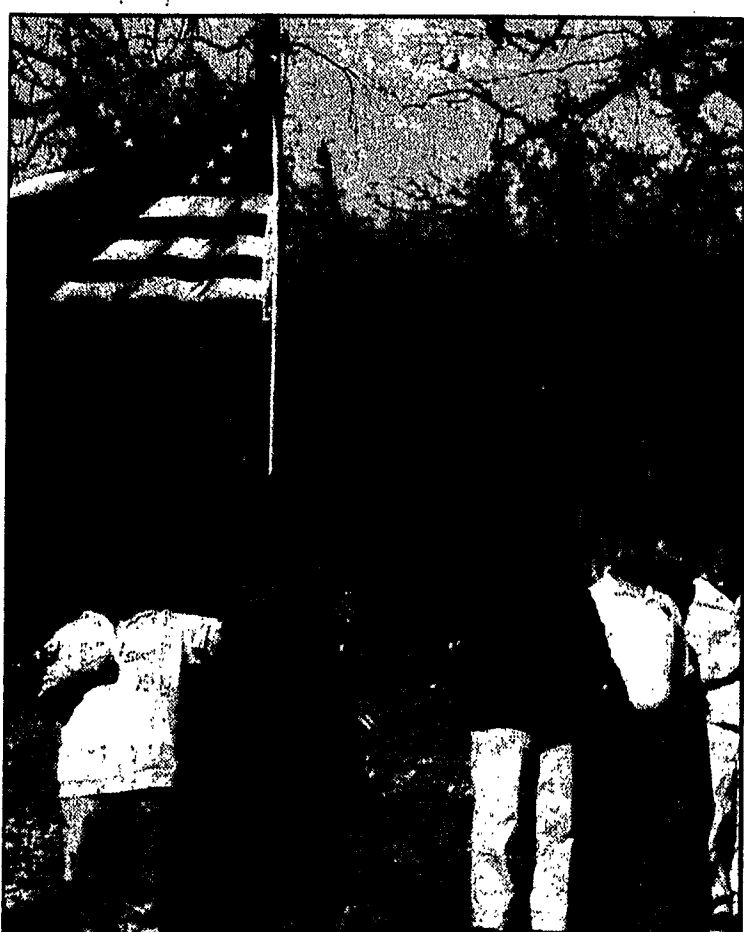
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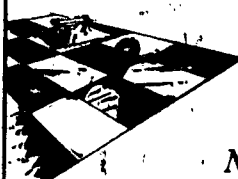
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PATRICK K. DEJEAN, IF LIVING, THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND/OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK K. DEJEAN, IF DECEASED; THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM HOOD; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; CHANCERY CLERK TIMOTHY A. KELLAR; DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONO CARANNA; AND TO ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST, INCLUDING ALL LEGAL AND EQUITABLE CLAIMS, IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 27, 2001, viz: LOT 5, BLOCK 3, UNIT 8, DIAMONDHEAD, PHASE I, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
 WHEREAS, on the 9th day of July, 2004, David L. Wartenburg and wife, Dana A. Wartenburg, executed a certain deed of trust to Byron J. Stockstill, Trustee, for the benefit of First National Bank of Picayune, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Land Trust Deed Book 847, page 88, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, First National Bank of Picayune, having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expense of sale. NOW THEREFORE, I, Byron J. Stockstill, Trustee in the said Deed of Trust, will on the 7th day of February, 2006, offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., at the East Front Door of the County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: Lot 100, Mallard Point, Phase 6, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at pages 25 and 26, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee. WITNESS my signature on this, the 10th of January, 2006. BYRON J. STOCKSTILL, TRUSTEE
 Prepared by: Williams, Smith & Stockstill, PLLC
 P.O. Drawer 1076
 Picayune, MS 39466
 (601) 798-2382
 01/14; 01/21; 01/28; 02/04/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 THE CITY OF WAVELAND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 30, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF WAVELAND, CITY HALL

COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 335 COLEMAN AVENUE, BUILDING 9 THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HEARD:
 Jerry Delchamps requests a special exception in order to place a temporary mobile home on his property located at 119 Lafitte Drive. Legal Description is: Lot 19, Lafitte Estate Subdivision, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi. Avis Gibbons requests a special exception in order to place a temporary FEMA mobile home on her property located at 701 Old Spanish Trail. Legal Description is: Pt. N 1/2 lot 7, Section 34-8-14, Pt. NW 2/4 of the SE 1/4, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT (228)466-2549, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. CHRISTINE GALLAGHER ZONING OFFICIAL
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY COURTNEY ANDRIEUX, DECEASED DON HOWARD PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. C2301-06-011(1)
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF HANCOCK Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10 day of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of GERTRUDE KEITHER, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 10 day of January, A.D., 2006. **ROBERT WANGEMAN, Executor**
RHONDA W. DEREN-BECKER
 Attorney for Executor
 305 Railroad Avenue
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
 (228)463-9891
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W.Va. man heres 'calling' to help on Coast

BY RALPH BRASETH

If you've noticed the Veterans Memorial area spiffed up a bit you can thank a 53-year old, unemployed mechanic, Vietnam War veteran from West Virginia.

Robert "Bo" Sizemore has lived in Waveland since the first week of November. According to Sizemore, "I'm doing whatever I can to get done what needs to get done."

Sizemore is no stranger to hardship. He says West Virginia suffered major flooding in 2001. "But that wasn't even a drop in a bucket compared to what's happened here." Sizemore says he felt coming to the coast was a calling. "It wasn't really a choice, I had to do something. I knew I could help in some small way."

Out of work and low on money, Sizemore sold his Ford Festiva for \$800 to finance his trip to Hancock County. He figured that was enough for gas down and back.

He then loaded up his red Ford F-150 with a chainsaw, generator, compressor, hand tools



Bo Sizemore cleans up around the Veterans Monument in Waveland Thursday.

and bicycle and said good-bye to his wife and two children and drove 850 miles to Waveland.

The bicycle he brought with him has been a key to his effectiveness in helping others. He has familiarized himself with the town and its people by riding up and down

the ruined streets south of the tracks. "It's tough to know who needs help if you can't get to know them."

He's fixed cars, cleared lots, cleaned streets and helped build houses. He's repaired refrigerators, heaters and air conditioners. He loves to fix bikes. He

especially likes to fix bikes that belong to kids.

Sizemore did a four-year stint in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Recently, he had been riding his bike by the Veterans Memorial and wondered more than once why it hadn't been cleaned up. Sizemore then realized he was

wondering the wrong thing. "That's when I knew I needed to do it because I care about vets and I care about America."

For three days Sizemore came to the Veterans Memorial. He picked up 14 jumbo garbage bags of trash. With a snow shovel and wheel barrow, he cleared thousands of pounds of sand off the parking lot and he scoured the beach picking up storm debris all in time for the President's motorcade to rush by in less than 30 seconds on Thursday afternoon.

That wasn't disappointing to Sizemore, though. "I didn't even know President Bush was coming until someone walked by and told me."

Sizemore works six days a week keeping the Sabbath on Saturday as is tradition for Seventh-day Adventists.

Sizemore lives solo in a tent at the Morrill Foundation at Buccaneer Park where he also keeps the evening shift watch until 11:00 p.m.

Asked about his treatment by Hancock County

residents Sizemore says, "wonderful, just wonderful." Asked what he thought about residents of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, Sizemore paused for about 10 seconds before answering. "These people are brave and they are strong."

Sizemore says diet has been one of his biggest challenges. While most volunteers pay next to nothing for food, that is not the case for Sizemore because he is a vegetarian. "I mainly eat canned vegetables out of the back of my truck and I love to eat fresh spinach out of a bag. I eat that stuff like most people eat potato chips." On this day, lunch was an unheated can of refried beans. "I love Mexican food," Sizemore said with a chuckle.

Sizemore doesn't know when he will head back to West Virginia for good. He says that decision will be affected by one factor: His ability to contribute in a meaningful way. "I think there are still some things for me to do. I think I can continue to be of some help down here."

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Speech -- complete text of Bush visit

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group of leaders in Washington, D.C. from building trade unions and businesses, and the whole idea was to come up with a strategy to make sure people have got the skills necessary to fill the jobs which are going to exist. See, our goal, and I know it's the Governor's goal, is to make sure the jobs first go to Mississippi people when it comes to rebuilding this -- (applause.) And Mississippi businesses. And we want this opportunity to be an opportunity where minority-owned businesses and women-owned businesses have a chance to flourish. An ownership society has got to be a part of a new vision, where people from all walks of life can say, I'm owning my own business, I'm operating my own business, I'm owning my own home.

It's a fantastic opportunity. And -- but it's not going to work unless people have the skill set necessary to be able to fill those jobs and to be able to provide for the -- to meet the consumer demand. And so the idea is -- and Powell is going to work on this strategy -- is to work with your community college system, or the building trades, and have centers where people can go to learn how to get the skills necessary to fill the jobs which are coming. They're coming. It's going to be an exciting time down here, just so long as you're able to get enough material and enough labor.

One of the important -- and by the way, speaking about jobs, not only we got to make sure people have the skills necessary to fill the jobs, the federal government has got a lot of facilities down here, and there's a lot of federal employees in this part of the world. We're going to rebuild the federal facilities so that the people will be able to work. (Applause.)

This recovery is going to be led by the private sector, however; the federal government is going to help. And \$85 billion is a good -- I would call that "help" -- so far. But the truth of the matter is, the jobs and the quality of life, the recovery, is going to be led by the private sector. I was asking Haley about some of the industries down here, and he told me, for example, at the year end, a casino opened. I mean, it's remarkable. If you'd have seen what I -- I'm sure you saw what it looked like up and down this coast, and all of the sudden, there's businesses and people are thriving, people are beginning to work. It's happening. It's the private sector that's going to carry much of the recovery.

Congress did a smart thing, in my judgment -- was to provide tax incentives for businesses who are in this part of the world. They provide tax incentives for small businesses to expense up to \$200,000 of investment and private -- and incentive for all businesses to provide a 50-percent bonus depreciation for investment made. What I'm telling you is, it's kind of economic talk for saying, if somebody spends money in an investment in this part of the world, they get a tax incentive to do so. In other words, if you're able to make the tax code attract capital so people invest, it means you're more likely to be able to find work here. It goes on -- and again, I want to thank the members of Congress for working on that. I think it's going to make a big difference.



President George W. Bush greets Hancock Countians Thursday at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis. Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer

If you're a small business owner -- we just met today, by the way, with some small business owners in New Orleans. And one of the things that became loud and clear to me there was that because a lot of people haven't moved back into the area, and if you're a small business owner, there's no customers, so you have no cash flow, which makes it awfully difficult to survive. There are SBA loans for this. And I understand for some the word "SBA" means "slow bureaucratic paperwork." (Laughter.) I hear it loud and clear. I will tell you that SBA has put out about \$470 million worth of SBA loans. In other words, the loans are going out.

But this small agency has been overwhelmed. And so Don Powell is working on an interesting idea, and that is to work with the local bankers, people who understand the local customer, as to how to become the agent for the SBA to get money out the door to help small businesses manage their cash flow needs until the customer base comes back. (Applause.)

The other thing that happened quickly -- and I'm real proud of your folks down here -- was that the energy sector rebounded unbelievably fast. This part of the world is really important for national security and economic security of the United States of America. Remember when the storms hit, a lot of folks were really worried about the price of crude oil and gasoline. We, fortunately -- we just did two things I thought were wise.

One, we suspended reformulated gasoline rules, which enabled us to import gasoline from Europe, which helped to take the pressure off the market. And the price of gasoline, although it went up, didn't go up nearly as high as a lot of people thought, and is now heading back down, thank goodness, for people who are working for a living. And the price of crude oil stayed reasonable because we opened up the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. I was confident in being able to do that because I knew how fast this industry could move if just given a chance. The suspension of some regulations to help these refineries and these gas

processing plants get up on their feet was important. In other words, if you can get government out of the way, amazing things can happen sometimes in the private -- (applause.)

And so I want to thank those of you working in the energy industry for doing what you're doing. I remember going to the plant -- I think Haley was with me -- went to the plant in Pascagoula. And we had people there camped out there working as hard as they could to get the refineries up, so that our citizens from all around the country would be able to have gasoline at a reasonable price. And these people worked hour after hour after hour, and did the nation a great service. In the meantime, we did our part -- tried to do our part, to make sure that we cleaned out the waterways so that the ships could move better. Our Coast Guard, by the way, provided invaluable service here in this part of the country. (Applause.)

Part of the recovery of this part of the world is going to be when you get your infrastructure up and running. And I can remember first choppering over here and seeing the incredible devastation done to the bridges and highways. First of all, there has been some incredible construction done. The Slidell Bridge there, to the west of you, got up in record time. It's amazing what happens when you provide a completion bonus for people doing work. (Laughter.)

And I know you're concerned about the I-90 bridge. But they're getting ready to start on it, as I understand. And the bills I've signed provide \$2.3 billion for repair of highways and bridges in this part of the world. That's going to provide not only jobs, but it's going to make the quality of life come back to what it was. You're dependent upon good highways and good bridges in this part of the world. The government recognized that and put the money out there available for reimbursing the states when they get these highway projects moving.

One of the really interesting things that happened was education, how the country responded for the kids who have been moved around. And school dis-

tricts all over America took children from Louisiana and Mississippi and helped educate them. It was really remarkable to watch the education system rise to the challenge. In the bill there is \$1.6 billion worth of operating money. It was money to help these schools stay afloat; it was to reimburse school districts for taking in the children who had evacuated to their part of the world. That's in addition to the federal commitment to replace every school. In other words, part of the commitment is that if your school got destroyed, the federal government will help rebuild the school, or will rebuild the school.

Plus we understood that there was a lot of kids that were going to higher education and these -- higher education institutions were affected by the storm, obviously, and they were allowed to retain their federal aid, even though children weren't going to school. In other words, we made a concerted effort to help these schools to cope with the crisis. We're going to make a concerted effort to help the schools deal with the long-term reconstruction as a result of the crisis.

Ninety-three percent of the schools here in Mississippi are up and running, and it's an amazing feat in four months' time. It's a great credit, again, to your Governor and your education institution; but, more importantly, it's a great credit to the teachers and superintendents and principals of your local schools. (Applause.)

Finally, the first issue I was confronted with as the President was debris. I remember the meeting very well when the Mayor showed up and said, we can't possibly say to our people things are going to get better, so long as we got piles of debris lying around. It was not only a practical issue, but it was a psychological issue. And I can understand -- I mean, I understood right off the bat what they were talking about. And we had a slow start, because we had a little bit of a -- we had an issue of how to get debris off of private property. And, thankfully, there was some creative work done here at the local and state level, with the federal government -- it really was --

as to how to deal with the liability issue.

I don't want to go into the law; I'm not even a lawyer. Got too many of them up there in Washington, anyway. (Applause.) But my point is, is that by listening to the local folks, and by being flexible about how to deal with an important issue like debris, we're making pretty good progress. Out of 42 million cubic yards of debris, 27 million have been removed.

Now, there's still debris. It's estimated about 15 million cubic foot -- cubic yards of debris left. But there's a certain momentum that's gathering. Haley believes that by the end of March, we can get most of the debris off of the public property. In other words, they're making progress.

Don Powell's job is, to the extent that the federal government is contracting out, we want to make sure that they just don't hustle when the President shows up, that they're hustling all the time, because the rebuilding and rebirth of this area is really going to depend in large measure to getting these lots clean, to getting your public access roads cleaned up, getting that debris out of people's sight. There's something -- there's a certain confidence to be gained when you see this beautiful countryside cleared of the damage of Katrina. Things have changed a lot when it comes to debris. It looks a lot different, a whole lot different. And we got more work to be done and we're going to stay on it until it gets done.

And so we've done a lot and there's a lot more to do, but there's a certain optimism and hope that's coming. I hope you feel that. (Applause.) You've come a long way in four months. Seems like an eternity to you, I know.

Seems like a lot of time for a lot of people to have gone through what you went through. Four months is not all that long and a lot has happened in that four-month period. And a lot more is going to happen in the next four months, and then the next four months. I can't wait to come back, and keep coming back and seeing the progress that's being made.

We've learned some lessons about Katrina, and we're going to analyze

every lesson learned. Obviously, the federal response in parts of this devastated area could have been a lot better. We want to know how to make them better. We want to make sure that when there's a catastrophe of any kind, this government, at the federal government level, is capable of dealing with it, in conjunction with the state and local governments.

There's going to be some lessons learned about having agencies that get overwhelmed by the size of a storm, agencies whose job it is to help people get on their feet and maybe aren't able to do it quite as efficiently as some would like. Those are the lessons we're going to continually analyze. That's what you ought to expect of those of us who have been given the high honor of serving you -- to constantly look for ways to do things better. And I just want to assure you, we are. We are. (Applause.)

But there's some other lessons learned where we don't need to change: the lesson of courage. We saw great courage. I'll never forget going to the hangar to see those Coast Guard kids that were flying those choppers. I think it's something like 30,000 citizens were saved by rescue efforts by Coast Guard men and local responders. And the people here on the front lines of saving lives showed great courage during Katrina. (Applause.)

I remember seeing the determination of our citizens. One of the lessons learned is when people are determined, they can get things done. At the Pass Christian school system, for example. This is a place where they consolidated all the schools at the elementary school. It was kind of inconvenient, when you think about it, but the inconvenience didn't bother the people in charge of that school system. As a matter of fact, they viewed it as a fantastic opportunity to be able to come together and share -- and that school was up and running, with broken windows, and -- but there wasn't a broken heart, and their spirit wasn't broken.

One of the lessons, of course, as I mentioned, is the compassion of our fellow citizens. Think about lonely folks being sent out, having all their property, their material goods destroyed, wondering what the future meant for them, and there's a loving family saying, I love you, brother; I love you, sister. Think about a country where the compassion is so strong that a neighbor in need can find a stranger that wants to help them get their feet back on the ground. (Applause.)

One of the lessons of this storm is the decency of people, the decency of men and women who care a lot about their fellow citizens, whether they be elected officials or just folks on the ground here just trying to make somebody else's life even better than it was before.

So we learned some lessons about how to respond, and we're going to change. But some of the lessons shouldn't change, and that is the decency and character of the American people. It's been an amazing experience for you. You just got to know, though, that a lot of people in this country, many of whom have never been down here, care for you, they pray for you, and they're pulling for you.

God bless. (Applause.)